

Well I personally like the 3 classes Technician General and Extra class license setup. It just seems to fit well and isn't hard to figure out with General and up with HF Privileges. There may not be many interested in taking allot more theory, as allot of spouse's & family members can get the Tech class license, and be able to work repeaters on VHF & UHF to communicate with their spouses & family. As for CW as a requirement I think that is getting to the antiquated stage. As the US Military, Maritime & U S Coast Guard no longer is requiring CW, should it really be required for civilians to have to learn it? There are so many digital modes people can use now, and combine the use of their computer to their radio. I know of several now & in the past that were licensed radio technicians with a 1st class or General class FCC license, with exceptional knowledge in radio and electronics, and they would like to obtain a Ham Radio license but didn't want to have to learn CW. I feel we are leaving allot of qualified people out just because of it. I love old radios and old cars but I utilize new technology, we are out of the spark gap era.